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- 1. A Sea Police Corps (Duyen Hai Canh Ve Doan), under the command of the Lien Quan Bien Canh was organized in the Moncay region in August 1951. The date originally set for the organization of this corps was December 1950.
- 2. The Headquarters of the corps is at An Lang (sic), a small Chinese village just across from the Vietnamese village of Tra Co (108-00; 21-18). However, it sometimes moves to Peihai (110-26; 21-10), Tra Co, Vinh Thuc (107-51; 21-22) or even Hainan. At An Lang other teams are being trained to reinforce the corps.
- 3. This corps is commanded by a Sino-Vietnamese metisse who is a member of the Chinese Communist Party and who has lived for a long time in the Moncay-Tungh'sing region. From 1948 1950 he was at Dai-Lien² taking a naval officers' course.
- 4. The personnel of the corps was recruited from chiefly among the Nung population of the Moncay region. A minority was recruited from among the Chinese living along the frontier.
- 5. The corps is equipped with four large motor junks and ten large sailing junks. These vessels are split into three groups called "Trung Doan", 3 although the effective strength of the groups does not merit the name. The system of organization of the "Trung Doan" is the same as in the Lien Quan Bien Canh. The groups are as follows:
 - a. Tac Chien Dean (combat regiment): One motor junk and three sailing junks.
 - b. Chu Luc Doan (principal regiment): One motor junk and three sailing junks.

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c. Tiep Luc Doan (reserve regiment): One motor junk and three sailing junk.

The Headquarters Staff of the corps is equipped with one motor junk and the Limison and Intelligence Service has one sailing junk which directs about 15 small fishing junks.

- 6. Each junk has a crew of about 80 persons, recruited from the local Nung fishermen. These men have undergone three months of training at An Lang. The junks are equipped as follows:
 - a. Motor junks:

One 105 mm cannon in prow One 75 mm cannon in the prow

Two 12.7 mm machine guns.

b. Sailing junks:

One 13.2 mm machine gun One 12.7 machine gun

One bazooka

- 7. Small, ordinary fishing junks belonging to the Nung fishermen are used for liaison and intelligence. These junks are equipped with small Soviet made transmitters about ten inches high, with an effective range of 15 miles. A majority of the fishermen who man the junks live in the Franco-Vietnamese zone and have received circulation permits issued by the French and local authorities.
- 8. The command of the Sea Police Corps has a project to increase its strength by 25 junks for 1952. In the beginning of March 1952 the Corps added nine junks to its strength, four motor junks and five sailing junks. These junks left Fong Tseng (sic) and arrived at An Lang on 29 February 1952 to load their equipment. The four engines are supposed to be Soviet made and come from the stocks at Vu Ninh.
- 9. The junks are armed as follows:
 - a. Motor junks:

One 50-caliber machine gun with ten cases of ammunition, Two bazookas with 24 cases of rockets, Three machine guns with 38 cases of ammunition.

Eight sub-machine guns with 48 cases of ammunition, 21 rifles with 50 cases of ammunition,

Ome radio set.

The automatic weapons are of Soviet origin, the rifles are of Chinese manufacture.

- 10. These junks are divided into three groups and form the 8 Battalion as follows:
 - a. First group:

Tran Van Thu

Luu Ba An Nguyen Bang

b. Second group:

Ly Van Lam Quan Ly Han Truong Vinh Them

c. Third group:

Bach Minh Chu

Ho Lam

One of these groups is composed of one motor junk and one sailing junk, each of the other groups is composed of one motor junk and two sailing junks. The fourth motor junk is still at An Lang.

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Comment. There is no reliable evidence to support the existence of the Lien Quan Bien Canh or of this Sea Police Corps.

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Comment. Dai-Lien possibly refers to Dairen.

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3. Comment. In the DRV Army, "Trung Doan" means regiment.